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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Alexandre A.N. Baptista

APPLICATION No.: 10/789,451

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Sir:

- 1. <u>Transmitted herewith are the following:</u>
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Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time, <u>if necessary</u>, for timely submission of this transmittal and enclosures.

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Respectfully submitted, Perkins Coie LLP

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2005. A response is due by October 14, 2005. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in light of the following remarks.